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For : FRONT RETAINING ELEMENT FOR AN ALPINE SKI BOOT

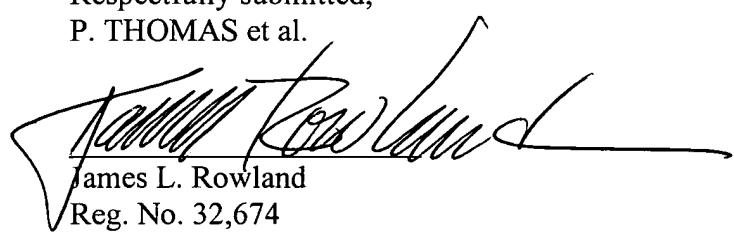
CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon French Application No. 01 00558, filed January 12, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
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